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Dear :

We are responding to a letter, submitted on your behalf by requesting relief in order to establish corporate entity classification as of June 2001. The information submitted that an election Form 8832 was mailed within the 75 day period; however, there is no proof of timely filing. Although we are unable to respond to the request as submitted, this letter provides information about rectifying your situation.

Automatic relief for a late entity election is unavailable in your situation because your subsequent follow-up election was submitted past the extended filing period provided by Revenue Procedure 2002-59. Automatic relief for the 2001 taxable period closed on March 15, 2002.

Generally, to seek relief for a late entity classification election you must submit a request for a private letter ruling from the National Office. The information forwarded to our office is insufficient for us to process a private letter ruling request. The procedures for requesting a private letter ruling are set forth in Revenue Procedure 2003-1 (copy enclosed). In addition, taxpayers must submit a user fee along with their ruling request. The standard user fee for a private letter ruling is \$6,000; however, taxpayers with gross income of less than \$1 million on their tax return for the most recent 12-month taxable year, qualify for a *reduced user fee* in the amount of \$500. If you qualify for the reduced fee, you must include a statement certifying your gross income for the last 12-month taxable period.

If you decide to submit a formal request for a private letter ruling, please follow the sample format provided in Appendix B of Rev. Proc. 2003-1. Your request should include all required procedural statements, a check for the user fee, and any documents that substantiate your intent to be classified as a corporation. Please refer your request to our office by adding the following to the address:

Attn: CC:PA:T P.O. Box 7604 Ben Franklin Station Washington, DC 20044

Direct to: CC:PSI:1 Room 5002

Please keep this letter with your tax records and feel free to provide a copy of it to your authorized representative. We hope that the above information proves helpful.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Dianna K. Miosi

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Enclosures:

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